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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the October 5, 2005 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the period for responding to that Action for three (3) months, from January 5, 2006 up to and including April 5, 2006, and have authorized the Director to charge the applicable fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). Consequently, this reply is timely submitted.

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